Executive Proclamation

State of South Dakota Office of the Governor

Whereas, Bob Stahl has served the health needs of South Dakotans for more than 23 years since joining the Department of Health on July 24, 1989; and,

Whereas, Bob was hired as a Health Facilities Engineer, working to assure that licensed facilities comply with construction, fire, and life safety standards; and,

Whereas, Since 2004, Bob has been Administrator of the Office of Licensure and Certification. He ensures state health and safety standards are met and also federal standards for facilities that are Medicaid or Medicare providers; and,

Whereas, During his tenure, Bob has earned the trust and respect of the health care industry in South Dakota due to his professionalism, sense of fairness, extensive knowledge of the federal and state laws and regulations pertaining to health care facilities, and an unwavering commitment to protecting the public's health; and,

Whereas, Bob's key accomplishment has been effectively ensuring that safe and appropriate health care services are consistently provided in South Dakota; and,

Whereas, Bob was honored by the South Dakota Health Care Association in 2007, with its Legend Award and in 2012, with the department's Secretary's Award for Outstanding Contribution to Public Health; and,

Whereas, It is fitting and proper to honor this outstanding South Dakotan on the occasion of his retirement:

Now, Therefore, I, Dennis Daugaard, Governor of the state of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim December 31, 2012, as

BOB STAHL DAY

in South Dakota, and I join his family, friends, and colleagues in offering him best wishes for an enjoyable retirement.

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In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the state of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Seventeenth Day of December in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Twelve.

Dennis Daugaard, Governor

Attest:

Jason M. Fant, Secretary of State